

'THE BELLE 80'







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Dedication

The Belle Staff dedicates the 1980 yearbook to Miss Alsie Trammell. She retired in May after having served as college nurse for 33 years. We wish for her a fruitful retirement.



Trying Times

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," said Charles Dickens many years ago.

There can be little disagreement that the days of 1979-80 were indeed just that. In fact, at times it seemed like most of our days were the "worst of times." But for intent and purpose, we shall call it simply, "trying times."

"Trying times" because we continued to seek "a lining at the end of the rainbow."

Reflect for a moment on the topics which dominated the news and indirectly our daily lives.

Gold prices and interest rates surge to record highs; Arab nations jack up oil prices and threaten international peace; Black voter registration lags; Black higher education threatened; Military registration and draft of women considered; Soviet-American relations shaky; Cambodians starving; Teachers and firemen strike; and Radical organizations clash over conflicting ideologies . . .





And life went on behind the red brick wall.

While many of us tried to pretend that "all was well," we heard speaker after speaker admonishing us to become productive parts of the solution process rather than victims of the turmoil. We were challenged to develop our leadership and critical thinking skills in order to assume new roles demanded by uncertain job markets. Slowly came the realization that to overcome "trying times" we needed faith in God, hard work, and determination. And many of us tried ...





"... faith in God, hard
work, and determination."

ACADEMICS



ONE WAY



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Trying Times, Crying Times

The fall semester began without too much confusion. Once the registration anxieties ended, we played the games of academe.

"I've been searching for the magic success formula which did not include long hours of studying, initiative, and reading. After three years, I haven't found it."

"It's disgusting to hear about freshmen with 3.5 and 4.00 g.p.a.'s. I heard that Myra George's favorite entertainment is reading and that she studies better when it's quiet."

We were jarred when the status quo at Bennett was questioned by some black Methodists who recommended that we go coed to offset financial problems.

"Wasn't it great that our trustees spoke out in support of our women's college tradition?"

"If I had wanted to attend a coed college, I would have done so."

Some of us obviously didn't realize that too many courses don't compensate for learning. The faculty moved to reduce curriculum pattern loads.

"I do think it makes more sense to make A's, B's, and C's in five courses, than to struggle with six or seven courses."

"I sometimes get sick when the instructor attempts to solve a problem or explain a concept and finds himself challenged by someone who speaks not from research but from opinion. Afterall, it's too hot in here for more hot air."

"Oh, that's nothing. I really had a problem and needed to discuss it with Dean Tipton, but he was away giving a clarinet concert."

"If you really want to know about tryin' times, try to get an excuse from a college official for attending a function off campus."

"I know about that, the 'excuse run-around.'" I was first told that I needed an official excuse from Dr. Tipton or Miss Harris, so I decided to start from the top. Dr. Tipton told me to see Miss Harris who told me to see Miss Power — the advisor for the trip — who told me to see Mr. Bragg who told me to see Dr. Tipton. I gave up."







Humanities

It might be that I am bragging about this division. You're right, I am. There is a great deal of creativity, innovation, and individualism. And when you realize this, it makes the "tryin' times" seem trivial.

One of the highlights of the academic year was the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Skills Program. It focuses on the development of reading, speaking, and writing.

"But, I'm quite disappointed that we are losing our drama courses."

"Yea, I was most impressed with the quality of the drama productions this year."

"On my way to the library last week, I heard the band students practicing and I wondered if we cut back in the right area."

"The Artist-In-Residence Program was a tremendous success. I enjoyed the interaction with the artists."

"Did you hear the moans and groans during the English Comprehensive Exam?"



An Evening of Public Speaking

We attended the "Evening of Public Speaking" in September and hardly made it in time to get a seat. Banner reporter Myra George concluded, "It was graced by excellent speakers, logical preparations and thought-provoking presentations."

"I think it takes a great deal of guts to address an audience of Bennett Belles," said Bernedette Hamilton.

The contestants competed in three categories of presentations — dramatic interpretation, original interpretation, and original oratory.

The winner of the dramatic interpretation was freshman Stephanie Durham who recited Nikki Giovanni's poetry. Said George, "Her two selections, 'Nikki Rosa' and 'Ego Tripping — There May Be A Reason Why,' contrasted with each other, one showing Giovanni at her lowest and the second, at the peak of her career."

Rosalyn Scott's original oratory won top honors. "Positivity — The Key To Success" stimulated much audience response. "If it's possible to drive a Mercedes Benz, why drive a Toyota?"

Linda Anderson, taking a serene approach, won the original interpretation category. She presented a selection of poems, "Hope Chest."

Says George, "The program was excellent."







In his first year as director of the Education Division, Dr. John T. McDonald had to brave the winds of reaccreditation of the Teacher Education Program by the State Department of Public Instruction.

"We passed. I can say that I am quite impressed at the teamwork of the faculty and students who made this period of orientation a meaningful one."

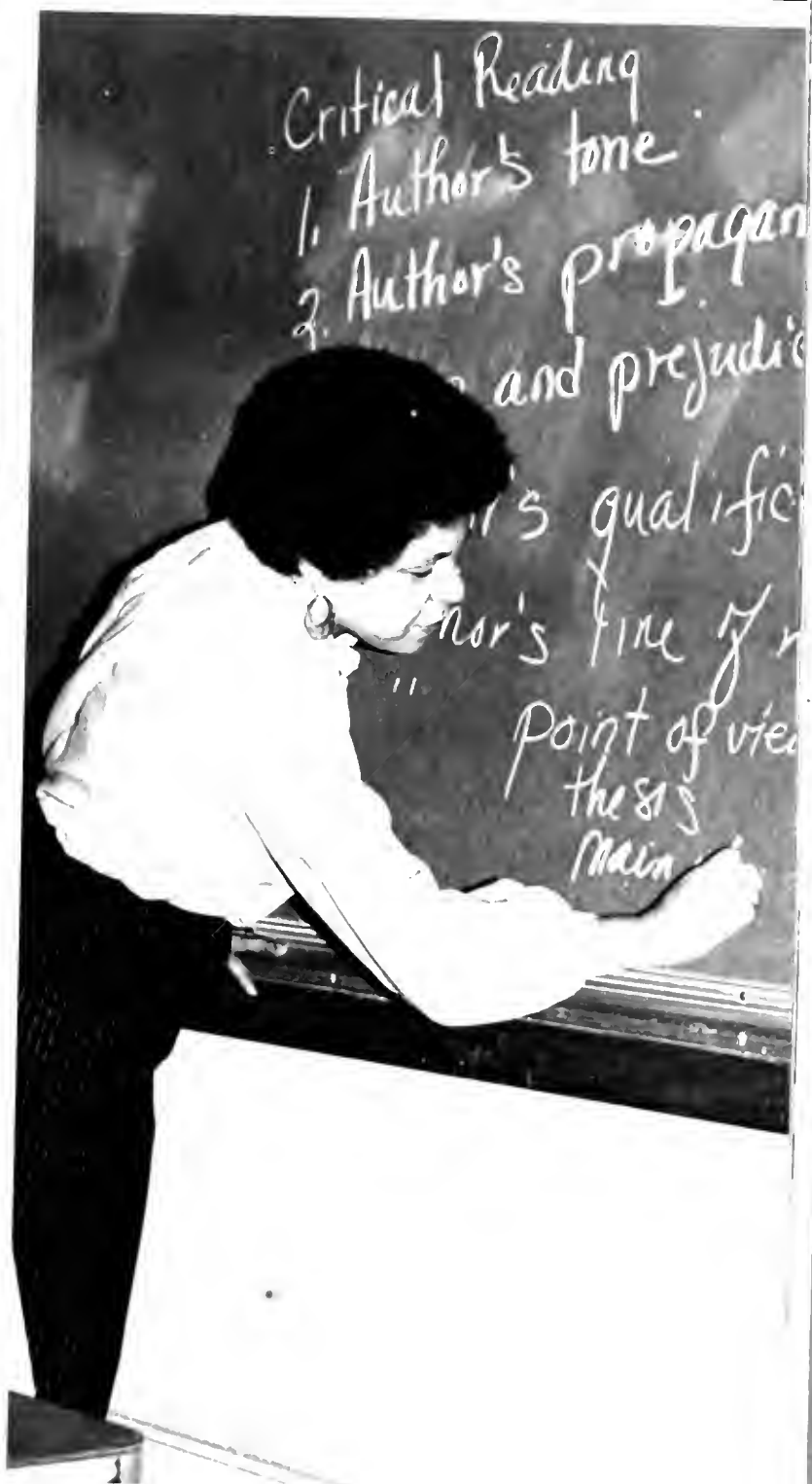
Pam Griffin enjoyed watching Kathy Crosby collapse each day after student teaching in an "open class" situation.

Said Kathy, "I certainly hope I qualify for an administrative position soon."

We were casually strolling to the dining hall one morning for breakfast when a breeze suddenly hit, almost knocking the curlers from my hair. "What was that?"

"That was a student teacher trying to get to breakfast and to meet her ride in ten minutes."

Education





Dr. Fennie Kittrell during "Week of the Child"







Sciences



Dr. J. Henry Sayles continues to aggressively pursue those activities that will propel more black women into the scientific fields. The latest development is the implementation of the Guided Initiative Competencies Based Systems Approach.

"I asked my roommate about that and she looked at me like I was crazy."

She said, "It actually means more work, more time in the lab, more research, and more tutoring for me."

"Edwina Johnson will be entering dental school back home in Oklahoma."

"She and Edwina Wilson spent more time in the labs than they did in the dorm."

The Home Economics Department celebrated its 50th anniversary.

"By the time I had finished those drapes for Mrs. Bell's class, I was seeing doubles."

"If you want to know about a 'trying' experience, ask anyone about diving in the deep end of the pool for the first time."





50 Years of Home Economics

"A friend of mine had a nightmare the day before the Home Economics Fashion Show."

"What about?" I asked Chick.

"She thought Mrs. Streat was standing over her as she hemmed her gold dress at the last minute."

The Home Ec. majors put in some long hours preparing for the celebration of the department's anniversary.

"If Shelia Drayton can't find a job in clothing, she can fix small appliances while job hunting."





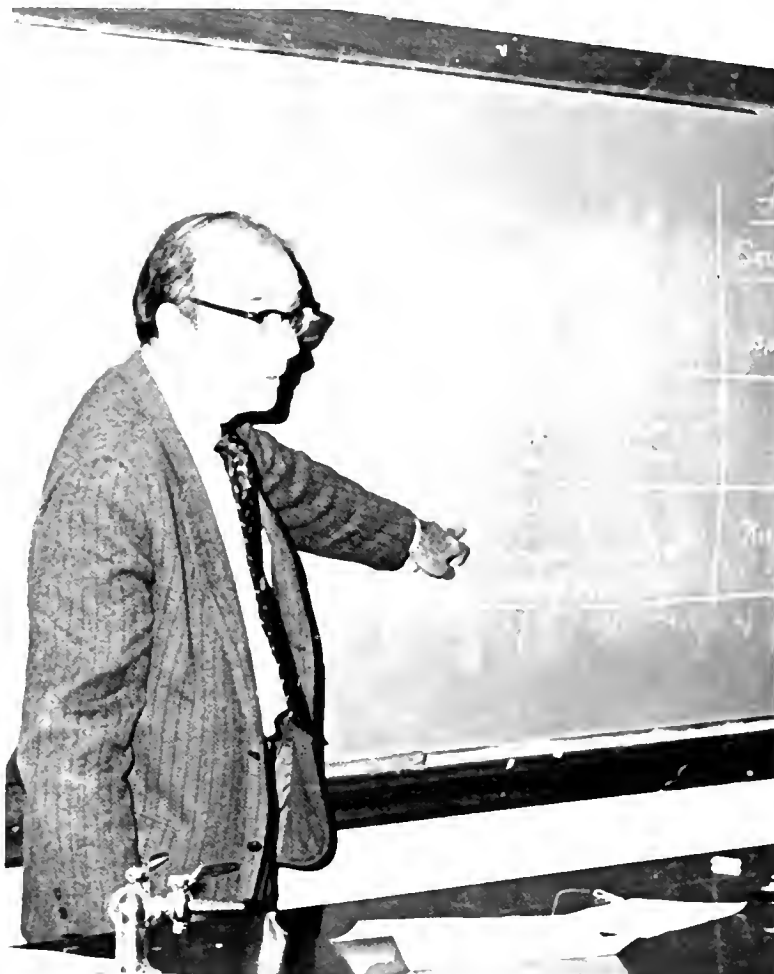
Things were quiet in the Social Science Division this year. "Things were routine and I don't know if that's good or bad." "Mrs. Addo was so involved in that section on Germany that I found myself dreaming that Hitler came to power in Black Hall." "Professors have feelings — good days and bad days — which accounts for their delivery on certain days." "I went into business administration, not expecting any miracles and I didn't get any." "Once the lecture is over, Dr. Trader has a beautiful sense of humor." "Somewhere at the end of the economics rainbow, I will find some answers and hopefully, before the next exam."



Coping with the Times

"Each day that we spend on this earth represents a precious moment. Plan each day to the fullest. Live each day so that your life will be remembered in the best possible way."

—Mrs. Vereda King
Economics Instructor



Social Sciences







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Coping in Strife

Enforce self discipline or experience self annihilation. The control of self determines the direction in which you will go.

—Gillespie

Take full advantage of the opportunities a college education affords you. Don't be afraid of diligent work. It will give you the stamina to survive the future.

—Griffin

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STUDENT LIFE







President's Pre-Freshman Institute

Someone finally admitted that we don't always enter college with the sophistication and skills expected of us. At least that's what they tell us.

"When I received an invitation to attend the President's Pre-Freshman Advancement Institute, I thought it would be like regular summer school."

"In a way it was. My parents were more excited about it than me."

Students attending the one week sessions got a headstart on other freshmen. They were introduced to college personnel; attended seminars designed to make college adjustment easier; were introduced to young men in the city; and spent time evaluating their communications skills.



Unraveling the Tangles

The opening of Bennett each year doesn't really change. "Of course not!" It's always exhilarating to see Union Drive come alive again . . . harried parents and anxious daughters unloading and unpacking. "I saw one freshman with enough clothes to fill Ivey's first floor." "But you never know just what to bring that first year, Chick."

It's fun to watch freshmen scurrying to and from, not accomplishing much, but covering a lot of ground. "I'd rather watch the sophomores returning with their airs of accomplishment or juniors who make it known that they are bored with this whole routine."

We stood around watching the new students get their first dose of Bennett . . . you are not completely oriented until you face Mr. Scarlette or Dean Bragg. "Lord knows, to have to hear Dean Bragg tell us about Bennett tradition."

I had dreamed that over the summer, Mrs. Jones would greet us with a new weekly menu. "Come on, Chick, don't ask for miracles!"

We watched the freshmen as they attended their sessions and usually, on time. "I gave them a month to change those good habits."

"Did you notice the expressions on their faces when they got a taste of registration mix-ups?"









A Race With
the Clouds on
Labor Day . . .







Miss Bennett, Kathy Crosby '80



Between Times



October Highlights Speakers

Speakers for the Founders' Convocation included Dr. Matthew Carter and the keynote speaker, Dr. Fred E. Harris, president of West Virginia Wesleyan College. (October 7)

Authors Norma Jean and Carole Darden presented a workshop and addressed an assembly about their book, **Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine**. (October 18-19)



The Coronation

Living Madonnas,



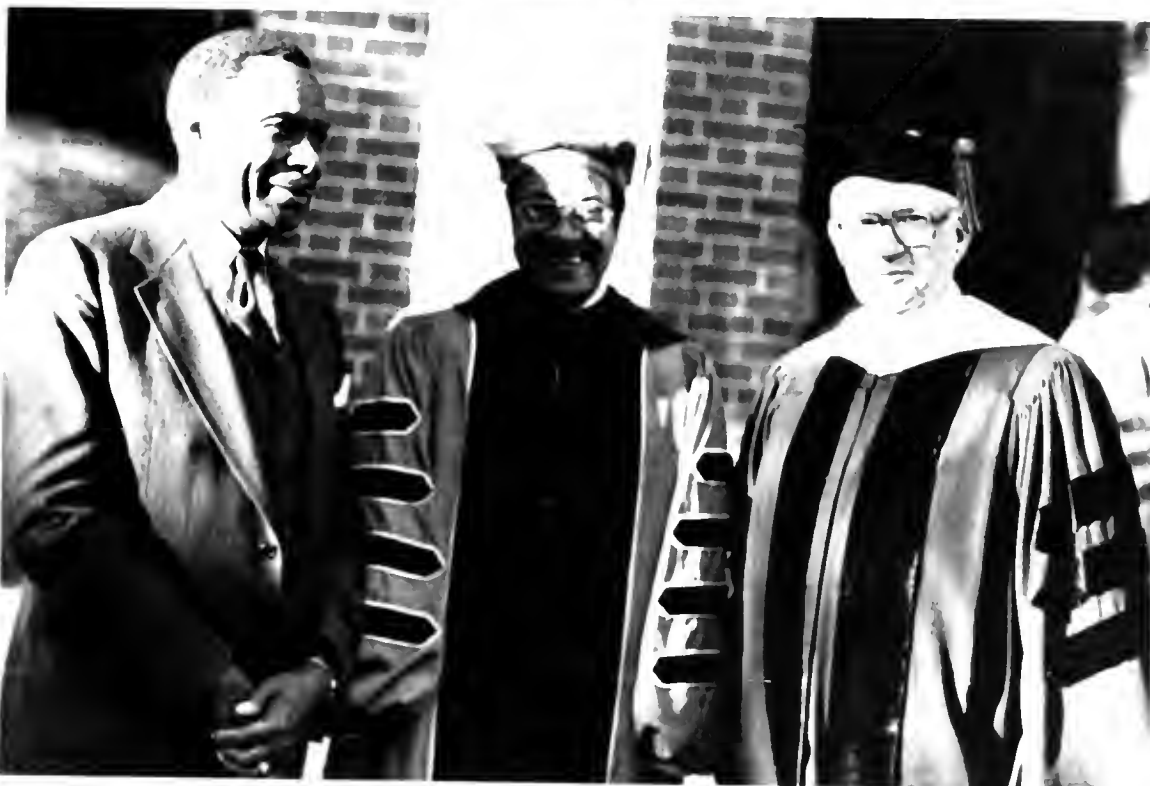
A Living Tableaux



Parents' Weekend



Founders' Celebration



Halloween Fun







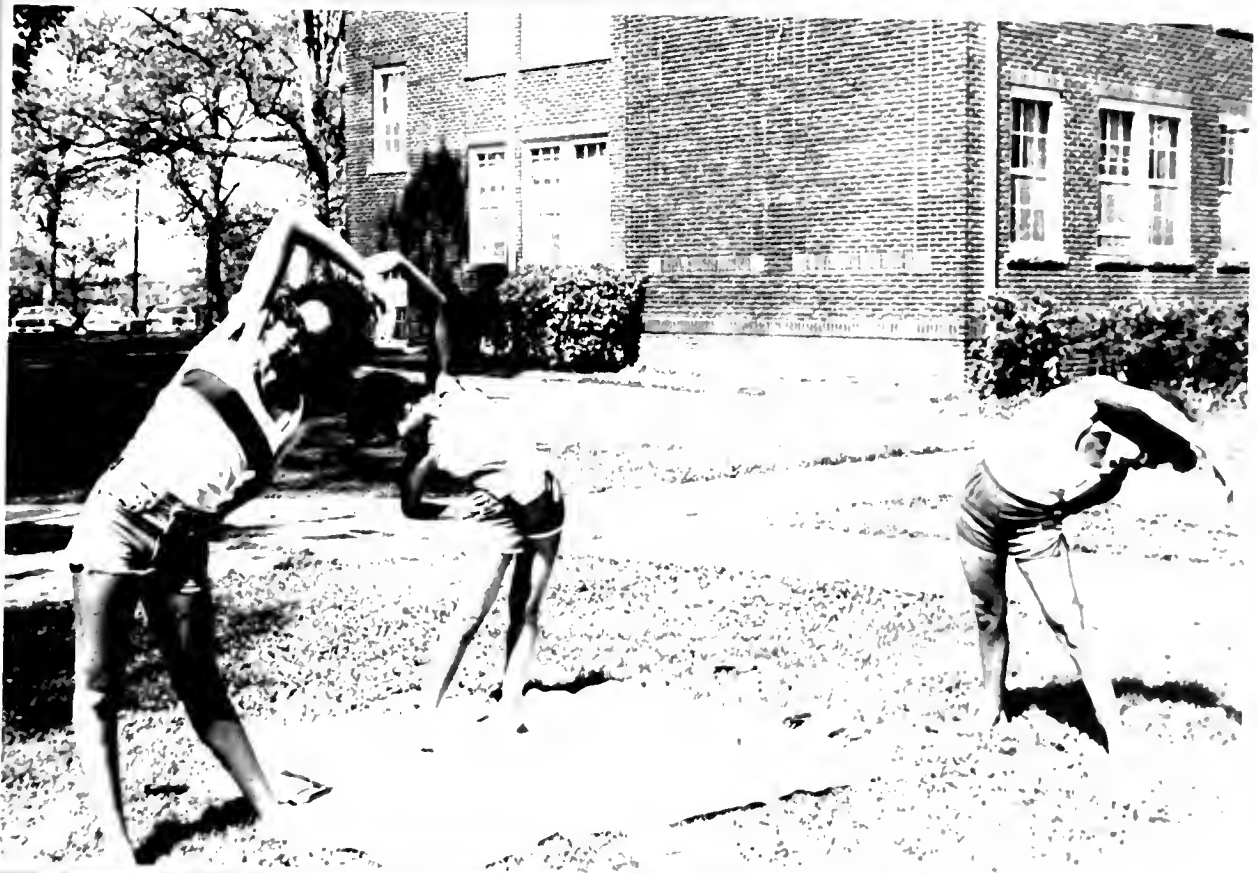
The Other Side of Daylight ...











RESIDENCE HALLS WEEK

DATES: March 31 - April 7, 1980

THEME: "Tre Bee Cees"

Monday: Game Night - Colfe

Tuesday: Communion Services,
10:00 am, Chapel, Residence
Halls Seminars

Wednesday: Fashion Show
(tentative)

Thursday: Interfaith Center,
12:00 am; Residence Halls Semi-
nars (Repeats)

Friday: Talent Review, 7:30 pm,
Science Hall Assembly

Saturday: Dinner Dance, Terrace

Sunday: Open House, 5:00-5:00 pm

Sunday: (Easter Monday), Field
Activities, Food booths, Egg
Roll, Campus Sing.



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Drama Department Phased Out?



Excerpt From "Purlie"

Farewell, my deep and Africanic brothers.
Be brave
Keep freedom in the family
Do what you can for the white folks
And write me in care of the Post Office

Now, may the Constitution of the United States
go with you.
The Declaration of Independence stand by you
The Bill of Rights protect you.
And your own dreams be your only boundaries
Amen

The End of an Era of Creativity . . .



The Owl Killer

The excitement of the Drama Department's rejuvenation was short lived. The success of its three productions fail to survive college retrenchment. No drama courses will be offered next year. The drama experience will be dependent upon the voluntary interest of the Bennett Players next year.

The vision and creativity of first year drama instructor Elliott Moffitt inspired a number of amateur actors from Bennett and surrounding campuses. Overlooked by the "academic powers," this was indeed a great contribution. He successfully presented "The Sirens," "The Owl Killer," and the musical, "Purlie."

The short drama, "The Owl Killer," was one of two plays presented November 14-18. Highly praised by the local press, it was an emotional story about a family whose members could



The Sirens

not relate to each other. Actors were Cynthia Mitchell, Avery Verdell (A&T), and Aretha Tharrington.

The second production, "The Sirens," did not fare as well with the reviews, but boasted a talented group of actors: Josie Hudley, Ramona Rousseau, Monica Motley, Stephen Lipscomb (A&T), and Anthony Johnson (A&T). It was the story of a single parent's attempt to raise a daughter in the ghetto by "working the streets."

The musical "Purlie," was a project most said could not be done at Bennett. It was a humorous satire of one man's dream to free his people from the old plantation system. Heading the cast were Arnold Pinnix (A&T), LaSandra Muldrow, Kimberly Merritt, Ricky Crank, Jim Pyecha, Ellen Graves and Calvin Bradley.

Abbyssinian Performance Highlights Choir Tour





After hours of practicing, members of the college choir engaged in an exhausting tour of the east coast. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Charlotte Alston, the group performed in Washington, D.C.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Montclair, N.J.; Newark, N.J.; and New York, N.Y.

No tour is without its "little" people and travel problems — of course, the bus can get lost. And boy, did it tour the area. Eating, riding, sleeping and singing was the theme of the experience. Yes, we had our share of fried chicken, baked chicken, and broiled chicken with string beans.

The highlight of the week tour was the performance at Harlem's grand Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City.

One of Whitest Winters, One of the Best . . .





Service and Community Action

Bennett students continued to give of their time and talents to the community and the campus.

Students coordinated and implemented a blood drive, health fair, registration drive, benefits for the United Negro College Fund and NAACP, and service to the Girl Scouts. They participated in tutorial programs for area high school youth. Some worked to make campus special events a success by serving as hostesses and guides.





Computer Card Bingo

As the battle over control of the computerized A.C.E.S. cards was waged, we waited for the outcome. Our hope was that in the confusion, they would be cancelled. No such luck.

"But once I made it to some of the programs, I discovered that these people had something to offer."

"Yes, but it's hard to admit that."

Among those lyceum presentations and special programs we really enjoyed was the Martin Luther King Birthday speaker, Rev. Cardes Brown; our own Gloria Brown Wise, the first woman to participate in the Greensboro Sit-ins; authors Carole and Norma Jean Darden; Ben Ruffin, special assistant to the governor; and the Morehouse Glee Club.



Mary Easter
Dance Recital

Trio Pro Viva



Authors
Carole and Norma Jean Darden



Joyce Anderson Workshop



Speaking of Wisdom

Dr. Peter Gomes
Plummer Professor of Christian Morals
Harvard University

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Pastor, Concord Baptist Church
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Attorney, South Central Bell

Susan Kidd
Local Television Personality

Everyone Has a Role to Assume



Staff Talent Show, A Feat of Courage



Candid Camera Games





VOLLEYBALL



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Vicki Walker
LaTonya Reeves
Andre Dixon
Gewn Walker
Len Milton

Dawn Wilson
Vonnie McFadden
Karen Shields
Vicki Goodrich
Veta Covert
Terry Byrd
Coach Mary Lentz

Record 6-11



BASKETBALL



MEMBERS OF TEAM

Annie Jones	Elwanda Blue
Pontheola Simmons	Rhonda Bradley
Valerie Callendar	Andre Dixon
Portia Dixon	Denise Wilder
Conference Record	12-5
Overall Record	12-11



Bennett College's Athlete of the Decade

Once in every life someone comes along who makes a lasting impact on the experiences of others around her. Andre Dixon completed four outstanding years of athletic involvement in basketball and volleyball. She began her season on a team that had lackluster appeal and more losses than wins year after year.

Andre dominated team play with her showy defensive and offensive plays. Her jumping ability made her a leading team rebounder and her sharp shooting skills, a top scorer in basketball. Her hot serves and returns made her a volleyball player to be taken seriously.

She was named to both the NCAA Division III All Tournament Team and the All Conference Team in 1980.







SENIORS





Enter to Learn . . .

Dr. Miller's Words . . .

"As far as being a student of Bennett, most of your record is history. You have but a few additional days . . . to write any more."

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"Bennett College is first and foremost for all, part of a process — a process of leading, guiding, nudging, shaping, and helping you to become a new different person than you were when you came here just a few years ago."

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"The question each of you must ask today is 'has College made a difference in me.' Has Bennett helped me to walk the pathways of life, equipped with wisdom, compassion, patience, and tolerance? These are questions you must ask and answer yourself."

Senior Day '80





Our Special Day

Ah yes, Senior Day!

Waiting patiently (with knees shaking slightly) for one's name to be called. Dealing with snaps or hooks which won't fasten. Trying to find arm openings in sleeves that were there last night. Dropping caps. Stumbling down steps that appear from nowhere. Frozen smiles and entangling hugs. Loving symbols from sorority sisters.

Senior Day, surviving movements and wars, is one of those "trying times" which will later provide many moments of laughter. It symbolizes for some, a new beginning and for others, time to get it together. It remains one of those few times when we all had our place in the spotlight.

What did Dr. Miller say? "If you don't put something into life, you really don't get much out of it?" It suddenly hits each of us that there are a few academic items to be taken care of before May.



Depart to Serve.



Fannie Cuybrooks



Ollie Sims



Dora Nelson



Ellen P. Brinkley



Elfrida Williamson



Benay Warren



Celia Ross



Renae White



Jackie Ransom



Angela Briley



Barbara Williams



Leonie



Lorie Raikes



Joann Joyner



Rose Irby



Kathy Colbert



Sandra Brown



Sheila Purnell



Wanda Kelker



Janice Harvey



Roberta C. Judd



Rhoda Blair



Debbie Wright



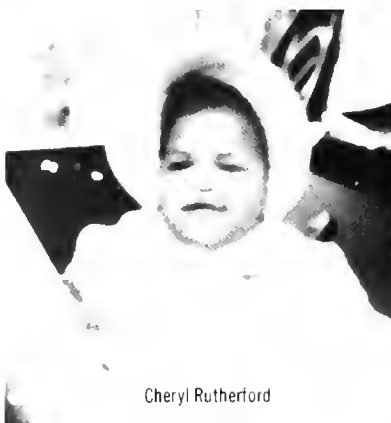
Karen Holmes



Shaw



Christine Lloyd



Cheryl Rutherford



Belinda Benjamin



Randy Jones



Julia Hosch



Gwen Speight



Joann Harper



Yvette Shelton



Edwin



Shirley Wingo



Valerie Littlejohn



Les Kay



William Ryan



Margaret McDowell



Lynn Horne



Sheila Pulley



Celeste Holmes

A Tribute To
Seniors

Gwendolyn I. Allen
Seattle, WA
Business Administration
Highlights: College Choir 2; Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority 2-4; NAACP 1-3.



Pamela Allen
Burlington, NC
Social Welfare
Highlights: Social Welfare Club 1-4.



Robin C. Arnold
Washington, DC
Pre-Medicine
Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4.

Belinda G. Bailey
Winston Salem, NC
Business Administration
Highlights: Business Club.



Doris A. Barbour
Monroe, NC
Art

Highlights: Art Club.



Debra E. Benbow
Wilmington, NC
Psychology

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4; Bennett College Choir 1-2; Pi Gamma Mu Social, Social Honor Society.

Rhoda W. Blair
Norfolk, VA
Special Education

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4; Education Club 2-4; NAACP 2-3.



Dino M. Bradley
Cincinnati, OH
Biology

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2-4; Bennett Scholars 1-4; Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; Alpha Kappa Mu 3-4; Senior Honor Society 4; College Choir 1; Who's Who among Colleges and Universities Students 4; Fisk UNCF Pre-Med Program 2; Graduation With Honors.

Michelle Bratton
Winston, Salem, NC
Student Personnel Services

Highlights: Student Union Board 2-3.



Angela V. Briley
Lumberton, NC
Biology

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu 3-4; Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 4; Honor's Convocation 1-3; Dean's list 1-3; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2-4; Student Union Board 1-3; Vice-President Sophomore Class 2; Senior Honor Society 4; President Senior Class 4.



Ellen P. Brinkley
Trenton, NC
Social Welfare

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Freshman Dorm Secretary 1; Judicial Council 3; Interdormitory Council 4; President Junior Class; President Student Government 4; Residence Hall Assistant 2-4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 4; Sophomore Dorm Vice-President

Cynthia D. Brown
Eden, NC
Political Science

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4; NAACP 2-4; President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 4; Social Science Tutor 4; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society 3-4.



Sandra M. Brown
Charleston, SC
Professional English

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society; Dean's List 1-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Banner 2-4; Honors Convocation 1-3; Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society 3; Senior Honor Society 3-4; Student Union Board 4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 4; Graduation With Honors.

Jennifer D. Bryan
Greenwich, CT
Home Economics

Highlights: NAACP 2-4; Pre-Alumni Council 2-4; Student Union Board 2-4; Photography Club 4; Art Club 4; Omicron Eta Chi 2-4; Recreational Council 4.



Felita Claybrooks
I S P/Home Economics
Martinsville, VA

Highlights: Home Manager of the Year 3; National Register of Outstanding College Graduates 3; Omicron Eta Chi 3.

Teresa Campbell
Albany, GA
Business Administration

Highlights: Business Club 1-4; Assistant Dormitory Director 4; Special Activities Chairperson 2.



Cynthia Cody
Columbus, OH
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Biology Club 1-4.



Kathy Colbert
Long Island, NY
ISP/Commercial Art

Highlights: Miss Senior 4; Vice President Student Union Board 2; Sophomore Class Treasurer 2; Honor Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-4; and Senior Planning Committee 4.

Kathy M. Crosby
Charlotte, NC
Early Childhood Education

Highlights: Miss Bennett 4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students 4; Dance Group 2; NAACP 1; Pre-Alumni 4; Judicial Council 2-3; Honor's Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-3; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4.



Bebe D. Davis
Concord, NC
Clothing and Textiles

Highlights: Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Honor Society 4; American Home Economics Association 1-4; North Carolina Home Economics Association 1-4; Omicron Eta Chi National Home Economics Society 1-4; Honors Convocation 1-3; Dean's List 1-4; and Photography Club 4.



Andre Dixon
Greensboro, NC
Physical Education

Highlights: Basketball Team 1-4, Co-Captain 3, and Captain 4; Volleyball Team 1-4, Captain 4; Physical Education Majors Club 2-4; and NCAA Division III All Tournament Team 4.



Katie Dodson
Greensboro, NC
Music

Highlights: Music Educators National Conference 3-4.



Suzette E. Edmonds
Brooklyn, NY

Highlights: Business Club 1-4; Senior Class Treasurer.

Lynn L. Faison
Baltimore, MD
Special Education
Highlights: Resident Assistant 4.



Kathleen Fears
Decatur, GA
Sociology

Jennifer D. Fennell
Wilmington, NC
Intermediate Education Reading
Highlights: NAACP 3; Senior Class Secretary 4; SNEA (President) 4; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.



Sharon E. Gist
Wilmington, DE
Business Administration
Highlights: Business Club 1-4.

Pamela E. Griffin
Laurens, SC
Business Administration
Highlights: Business Club 1-4; Junior Class Treasurer 3; NAACP 3; Editor, Bennett Belle 4; President, Interdormitory Council 4; Dean's List 2; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4.



Karen Hargraves
Chapel Hill, NC
Biology

Highlights: Biology Club.



Mary F. Harris
Charlotte, NC
Special Education

Highlights: Pre-Alumnae Council 1-3.



Joann Harper
Blackstone, VA
Special Education

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; College Choir 2-3; Dean's List 2-3; Pre-Alumnae Council 1; and Special Education Club 2-4.



Kimberlee Haynes
Woodbury Hights, NJ
Political Science

Highlights: Political Science Club 1-4; Judiciary Council 3; Student Union Board 4; Newspaper Staff 3-4; Player Hall House Council 4.

Janice Harvey
Green-Level, NC
Social Welfare

Highlights: Pre-Alumnae Council 1-3.



Debra A. Hodges
ISP/Communications Media
Mount Holly, NJ

Highlights: Treasurer Student Senate 2-4; Assistant Editor Bennett Banner 3 and Editor 4; College Choir 1-3; Gospel Choir 1-3; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3-4 and Secretary 3-4; Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students 4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; President's Excellence Award 4; and Graduation With High Honors. 91



Celeste Holmes
Windsor, CT
Health Sciences

Highlights: Honors Convocation 2; Dean's List 2; Pre-Alumnae Council 2-4; NAACP 3-4; Bennett College Choir 4; Vice-President, Cone Hall 3.

Lorna Horton
Morehead City, NC
Special Education

Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Council for Exceptional Children 2-3; Bennett College Concert Choir 1-4; Bennett College Ensemble 1-4; Parliamentarian, Player Hall 4.



Julia Y. Hosch
Winston-Salem, NC
Early Childhood Education

Highlights: Student National Teacher Association 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 4; Volleyball Team 1-4.

Annie M. Howell
Bayside-Queens, NY
Health Therapeutic Recreation

Highlights: Dance Club 1-3; Gymnastics Club 2-3; Physical Education Majors Club 1-4; Women's Athletic Association 1-3; Pre-Alumnae Council 4.



Patricia Hudgins
Philadelphia, PA
Special Education

Highlights: Special Education Club, Girl Scout Leader, Drama Club, Student Union Board, and Children's House Aide.

Dorothy L. Ingram
Greensboro, NC

Student Personnel Services-Psychology
Highlights: Secretary, Student Personnel Club 2; Pre-Alumnae Council 4; Student Union Board 4.



Rose M. Irby
Blackstone, VA
Home Economics Education

Highlights: Dance Group 1; Omicron Eta Chi 1-4; American Home Economics Association 1-4; Kappa Omicron Phi National Home Economics Society 4; Dean's List 1; and Treasurer Player Hall 4.



Valerie Jefferys
Raleigh, NC
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Dean's List 2; National Register of Outstanding College Graduates 4; Resident Assistant 2-4; and Biology Club.

Mondrell Jester
Atlanta, GA
Physical Education

Highlights: Bennett College Dance Group 1-4 and President 3; Physical Education Club 1-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4.



Edwina V. Johnson
Oklahoma City, OK
Pre-Dentistry

Highlights: Vice-President Freshman Class 1; National Register for Outstanding College Graduates 4; Honors Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-3; Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; and Resident Assistant 2.

Randy Jones
Greensboro, NC
Music Education

Highlights: Bennett Scholars 1; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Students 4; Concert Choir 1-4; Gospel Choir 1-4; Music Educators National Conference 1-4; Honors Convocation 1; Dean's List 1-3; Band Ensemble 1-4 and Student National Educators Association 4.



Ursula J. Joyner
Washington, DC
English

Highlights: Bennett College Choir 1-4; Student Union Board 1-4; Banner Staff 2-4; Secretary Student Government 4.



Roberta C. Judd
Greensboro, NC
Home Economics Education
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Society; Kappa Phi National Home Economics Honor Society.

Wanda K. Kelker
Tuskegee Institute, AL
ISP — Biology and Chemistry
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



France P. Kay
Charlotte, NC
Special Education
Highlights: 1980 Edition of Register for Outstanding College Seniors; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; NAACP 1-3; Miss NAACP 2; Dean's List 2; Drama Guild 1-2; and Dance Group 1-2.

Valerie E. Littlejohn
Spartanburg, SC
Clothing/Textiles and Related Art
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3-4; Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Assoc. 3-4; Senior Honor Society 3-4; Bennett College Scholars 2-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Photography Club 4; and National Dean's List 3; and Graduation With High Honors.



Loretta Brewington Kelly
Hamlet, NC
Social Welfare
Highlights: NAACP 2-3; Miss NAACP 3; College Choir 3.

Christine Lloyd
Greensboro, NC
Social Welfare
Highlights: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4; Dean's List 2-3; NAACP 1-2; Marshall Board 1; Pep Squad 1.



Robyn M. McCollum
Philadelphia, PA
Music Education

Highlights: Music Educators National Conference 1-4; President 3-4; College Choir 1-4; College Band 2; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; and NAACP 2.



Margaret S. McDowell
Mt. Vernon, NY
Clothing/Textiles

Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Homes Economics Society 4; American Home Economics Assoc.; North Carolina Home Economics Assoc. 4; NAACP 2-4; Pep Squad 1; Outstanding Designer in Costume Design 4; and Photography Club 4.

Natalie McLean
Greensboro, NC
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Honors Convocation 1 and Dean's List 1.



Libby Malloy
Fairmont, NC
Political Science

Highlights: Debate 2-4; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4; Drama Guild 1-3; NAACP 2-3; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society.



Palmico Miller
Greensboro, NC
Clothing/Textiles

Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi Home Economics Society.



Barbara G. Murphy
Pollockville, NC
History Education

Highlights: Honors Convocation 1-4; Dean's List 1-4; Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society 3-4; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society 3-4; Graduation With Honors.



Joyce Murphy
Greensboro, NC
Art

Highlights: Art Club 1-4.

Debbie Nelson
Lynchburg, SC
Home Economics Education
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi 1-4.



Linda Pittman
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
ISP—Accounting

Highlights: Dance Group 1-3; Business Club 1-4; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 3-4.

Sheila D. Pulley
Rocky Mount, NC
Spanish Education

Highlights: Cone Hall House Council 3; Honors Convocation 1; Junior Class Parliamentarian 3; Dean's List 1-4; Recreational Council 2; SNEA Vice-President 2; Player Hall House Council 4; Vice-President Senior Class 4.



Shelia Purnell
Berlin, MD
ISP—English

Highlights: Bennett Banner 1-4; Student Union Board 3; Photography Club 4; Dean's List 1; Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society 4; NAACP 3.

Lorie D. Raikes
Jacksonville, NC
Clothing and Textiles

Highlights: Student Union Board 3; Photography Club 4; Omicron Eta Chi 1-3; NAACP 3.



Patrice M. Rainey
Bridgeton, NJ
Psychology

Highlights: Psychology Club.



Jacqueline A. Ransom
Washington, DC
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4; Assistant Concert Mistress A&T State Univ. 1-4; Dean's List 2; Interdormitory Council Vice-President 4; NAACP 2-3; and Secretary, Sophomore class 2.

Sandra C. Ratliff
Morven, NC
Political Science

Highlights: Dean's List 1-3; Honors Convocation 1; Interdormitory Council 4; Pi Gamma Mu 3-4; Player Hall House Council 4; Pre-Alumnae Council 4; and President of Player Hall.



Yvonne Reese
Greensboro, NC
Special Education

Highlights: Marshall Board 3-4.

Cherisse R. Robinson
Greensboro, NC
Art

Highlights: Art Club 1-4; Coronation Ball Committee 4; Dance Group 1-2; First Attendant Miss Bennett 3; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4.



Celia A. Ross
Burkesville, VA
Home Economics

Highlights: College Concert Choir 1-3; Most Outstanding Nutrition Educator 3; Omicron Eta Chi 1-4.



Cheryl A. Rutherford
Charlotte, NC
Special Education
Highlights: Pre-Alumnae Council 1-4 and
Student Union Board 1-4.

Cora Shaw
Greensboro, NC
Social Welfare
Highlights: Omicron Eta Chi 1 and
Marshall Board 1-3.



Yvette I. Shelton
Salisbury, NC
Pre-Medicine
Highlights: Beta Kappa Chi 3-4; Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; Student Govern-
ment Association 3; Peer Advisor 2-4; Ben-
nett Scholars 1-3; Bennett Banner 2;
Honors Convocation 2-3; Dean's List 1-2;
and Student Union Board 2.

Darianne Sills
Richmond, VA
Special Education
Highlights: Senior Class Parliamentarian
4; Basketball Team 1-2; Women's Athletic
Association 1; and Student National Educa-
tion Association 1.



Donna L. Simmons
Atlanta, GA
Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Highlights: Physical Education Club 1-4
and Dance Group 1-4.

Ollie R. Sims
Winston-Salem, NC
Business Administration
Highlights: College Choir 2-4; Business
Club 4; Student Union Board 4; and Ben-
nett Banner 4.



Angela Smallwood
Jamaica Plain, MA
Biology

Highlights: President of Pre-Alumnae Council 4 and Member Student Union Board 3-4



Evangeline Smith
Raleigh, NC
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Sophomore Class Secretary 2 and Biology Lab Assistant 3-4.

Jacqueline Smith
Charleston, SC
Pre-Medicine

Highlights: Biology Club 3-4, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2-4; and Dormitory Counselor 2-4.



Gwendolyn D. Speight
Wilson, NC
Intermediate Education

Highlights: Bennett's Christian Fellowship 2-4, Dean's List 1-3, Debate Society 4, Drama Club 1-4, Honors Convocation 1-2, National Student Educators Association 4; and Secretary Freshman Class.

Regina Louise Taylor
Cincinnati, OH
Social Welfare

Highlights: Social Welfare Club 3-4 and Dormitory Residence Assistant 4.



Benay C. Warren
Winston Salem, NC
Social Welfare

Highlights: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 3-4 and Student Union Board 1-4.



Renée E. Wells
Wilmington, DE
Business Administration
Highlights: Business Club 1-4; NAACP 2;
Dance Group 2-3; and Students For Chris-
tian Social Concern 2.

Barbara J. Williams
Chester, PA
ISP — Political Science
Highlights: Student Union Board 3-4 and
Senior Class Planning Committee.



Elfrida Williams
Albany, GA
Business Administration
Highlights: Business Club 1-4.

Deborah Wilson
Sumter, SC
Biology
Highlights: Science Club 2 and Pre-
Alumnae Council 3-4.



Edwina Wilson
Blackstone, VA
Pre-Medicine
Highlights: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society
3-4; Beta Kappa Chi Science Honor Society
3-4; Senior Honor Society 3-4, President 4;
Who's Who 4; Honors Convocation 1-4;
Dean's List 1-4; Peer Advisor 1-4; Physical
Education Club 2; Science Seminar Club 3;
Graduation With High Honors.

Debra M. Wingo
Amelia, VA
Business Administration
Highlights: Business Club 1-4; President,
Sophomore Class; Honors Convocation 2;
and Dean's List 2.



Wendy R. Woods
Indianapolis, IN
Mass Communications

Highlights: Dance Group 1; Bennett Banner Sports Editor 2; Volley Ball Team 1-2; S.O.B.O.S.S. 2; NAACP 2-4; N. O. B. U. C. S. 4; O.B.S. 4; Dean's List 1-2; Speech Club 1; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. 3-4.



Natalie D. Young
East Spencer, NC
Medical Technology and Chemistry

Highlights: Science Club 2-3; Beta Kappa Chi National Honor Society 3-4; Dean's List 1-2; Honors Convocation 1; College Band 1-2.



Debbie S. Wright
Dalzell, SC
Art

Highlights: Art Club.



PASSING THOUGHTS

"I think the big problem with being a junior is that too many of us are content to sit around and wait for the senior year."

— Betty Brown

"I don't consider myself smart because I have to study very hard in order to fulfill my goals and to be what I want to be — the best in everything I do."

— Pauline Nzeribe

"Many people may call this sisterhood 'a lot of rubbish,' but as far as I'm concerned it is anything but. Bennett College is truly a unique experience because of the sisterhood that, for me, really does exist."

— Kimberly J. Merritt



UNDERCLASSES



JUNIORS

Anthony, Darion
Ashe, Lydia Delphine
Benjamin, Belinda
Blakney, Teresa



Blue, Elwanda Felita
Brandon, Jane Martha
Broadnax, Deborah
Brockman, Addie
Brooks, Darleen



Brown, Windy Yvette
Brown, Yvonne
Chambers, Lydia
Cobb, Rita Paulette
Coleman, Kathy Renee



Covert, Veta J
Davis, Biliye
Davis, Janet Elaine
Dotson, Veronica
Drayton, Sheila



Dulin, Precious Mae
Echols, Shaun
Edwards, Linda
Fallen, Venus
Gatson, Felicia



Hamilton, Pamela
Hayes, Regina Yvonne
Heck, Karen Michelle
Hopkins, Audrey Leal
Johnson, Lisa Ann



Jones, Tina Ruth
King, Audrey Jean
Kiser, Regenia Ann
Lake, Bonita
Lampkin, Lisa



A CONE HALL



Martin, Tonya



McKinney, Vanessa



Mills, Eva Denise



Moyer, Jacqueline



Muldrow, LaSandra



Offley, Sonia Marie



Paige, Denese
Paige, Jo Ellen
Pegram, Regina
Phillips, Lynn
Phillips, Tracy

Pinnix, Marilyn Monia
Pittman, Lisa
Raimer, Brenda Faye
Raimer, Linda Kaye
Reeves, Lakeitha Kay



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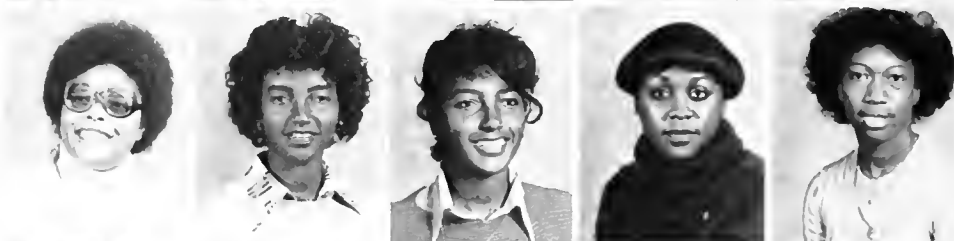
There has always been something strange about the Junior Year. No one seems to be able to describe what it is, but general comments range from "dull" to "ho hum." In spite of the lackluster, some continued to achieve recognition ... La Sandra Muldrow won another talent contest ... Ola Sims and her drums received great applause throughout the choir tour ... Elwanda Blue continued to score double figures on the basketball court ... Veta Covert dominated volleyball play ... Venus Fallen was an outstanding SGA leader in Union affairs ... Edwina Mitchell demonstrated creative leadership ... Katherine Winston was a proven scholar.



Roberts, Harriett
Robinson, Joan
Scott, Rosalyn
Sealy, Doris Mae
Simpkins, Mary Jane



Sims, Ola Rebecca
Spruill, Leighnette
Spruill, Marvette
Sturgis, Sabrina
Sullivan, Tonni



Thomas, Venetia
Townsend, Cheryl
Wade, Terri Ann
Wells, Jennifer Gaye
West, Angela Marie





White, Yolanda M
Wiley, Gail V
Wilkins, Pamela J
Winston, Katherine



Bendolph, Valerie
Brown, Windy
Leak, Landas
Thompkins, Patricia



Reflecting

The junior year is . . . well, it's . . . it's simply the third year in college experience. The truth of the matter is, says Betty Brown, that there is no way to describe it. Having lost the freshness of the freshman year and the excitement of the veteran sophomore, the junior finds herself on the thresh hold of completion, but not having made it.

"The best thing about the junior year is that one becomes a senior when it ends," says one student. "It's that point when we finally began to see our dreams reach fruition."

But while there were no cannons exploded by the class as a whole, some of us still had our special moments and some of us made our voices heard in a number of leadership positions. Each will someday reflect on this junior year and laugh at the little things that somehow just didn't seem important in 1979-80.

"The true meaning of the Big Sister relationship became more meaningful," said Karen Heck. Tonya Martin cherishes the experience of being a Big Sister to 26 Ivies. Billye Davis got a new boyfriend and began to travel. Regina Pegram "finally" hooked that special young man. Venus Fallen enjoyed dressing up to impress her date for the Cabaret and the R.O.T.C. Ball. Doris Sealy will always remember the glamour of the R.O.T.C. Ball. Jackie Robinson thinks long hours of studying finally paid off when she made the Dean's List. Linda Anderson, Shari Williams, and Rhonda Wade tried a new sport, skiing. Darleen Brooks cherishes the memory of attending a party given by Congressman Ron Dellums in Washington.

You see, we did have our moments.

Asbury, Cynthia

SOPHOMORES

Barbour, Yvette Carol
Barnes, Cassandra

Bell, Joyce Ann
Bernard, Beverly

Bowden, Judy Carolyn
Boyette, Brenda Faye
Brown, Robin
Burley, Carla Arlene
Burnette, Thomasina

Cardwell, Nina Fern
Carter, Leslie LaMel
Chaffin, Carolyn
Chambers, Qundal
Clack, Michelle

Clapp, Michelle
Coleman, Anita Lynne
Coleman, Kimberli
Cook, Mary Louise
Cooper, Mamie

Coston, Shelly
Crowder, Julie Elaine
Crump, Fachial LaRue
Cutter, Victoria
Daye, Pamela Renee





Dillehay Cynthia
Dixon, Karen Ann
Edwards, Constance
Edwards, Rennett
Fox, Selina O



Gibson, Terri Ann
Glenn, Patrice
Green, Eileen
Griffin, Beverly
Groce, Renee



Memories

We arrived at Bennett for the second year with a bit more sophistication and experience. Although, some faces were missing and some of the leadership talents were less obvious, some personalities stood out. Josie Hudley continued to demonstrate her theatrical abilities. Carolyn Davis was selected Miss Black Greensboro. Portia Dixon led the basketball team in scoring. Terri Phillips continued to prove that brains and beauty go together as she represented the class in the Coronation Events. Sylvia Wilder received recognition for being an outstanding Banner writer. Lisa Manley continued to direct the Gospel Choir with great vigor. Monica Motley proved to be a great actress in such diverse roles as a "woman of the street" to a madonna in the "Living Madonnas." Lisa Harris was on hand to lend a helping hand when needed. Karen Dixon, a three-year R.O.T.C. student became the first Belle to receive a R.O.T.C. Scholarship.

Terri Lynne Phillips returned to the campus after a busy, but exciting experience at Meharry Medical College's summer program. She received recognition for her outstanding academic ability at the end of the session.

Harris, Lisa Joanne
Hayes, Jacquelyn
Hicks, Margaret Ann
Hickson, Anita Joyce
Hinton, Rosa Marie



Horton, Sharon Anita
Hudley, Josie
James, Rosa Maria
Jeffries, Paula Anita
Johnson, Cynthia Dee



Johnson, Deborah
Johnson, Phyllis
Jones, Elizabeth Ann
Kenlay, Brenda Elaine
Kennedy, Deidre Ann



Lee, Lynnette
LeSane, Wanda Sue
Lowe, Arlisa
Manley, Lisa Anne
Matthews, Debora



Memoirs

For each of us the sophomore year had its highlights . . . Venus McDowell will cherish memories of the Greensboro Sit-in Commemoration because she became aware of the role Belles played in the civil rights movements . . . Robing her Big Sister was an honor for Yolanda Moore . . . Carolyn Davis got a chance to express herself on — and off — stage in the Miss Black Greensboro Pageant . . . Artreatha Tharrington's participation in the Little Theatre productions allowed her to develop her talents . . . Sandra Baker saw her first, second and third snow.

Cynthia Johnson will probably remember quiet moments shared with special friends on warm winter days



McCray Aundry
McDougald, Teresa
McDowell, Venus
Merritt, Kimberly
Moore, Debra Jean



Motley Monica
Patterson, Sheryl
Peoples, Brenda
Phillips, Angela
Porter, Cynthia



Powell, Carole
Privette, Nellie
Ramsey, Colleen
Reeves, LaTonya
Richmond, India



Riley, Karen



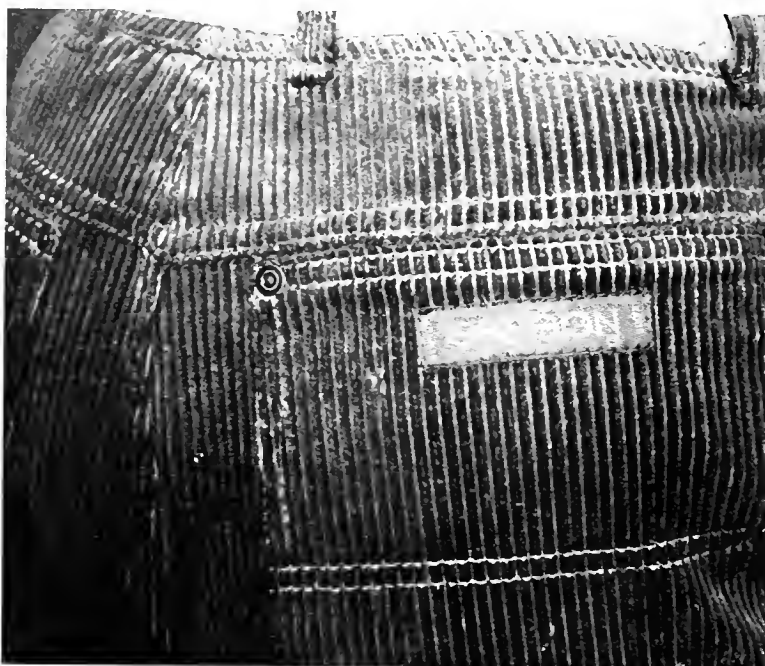
Rogers, Gladys Deone



Rouse, Lisa Maria



Salaam, Sherry



Pop Culture

Pop culture had its impact on each of us through the media and the market place. As relevance was the key issue of the decade of the 70's, we, too, enjoyed "60 Minutes," "Good Morning America," "All in the Family," "The Young and the Restless," "Ryan's Hope," "Saturday Night Live," and the numerous TV movies. Sometimes, we turned to comedies to get away from the gloomy realities such as "Mork and Mindy," "Alice," "Mash," "Three's Company," "Taxi," and "Laverne & Shirley." Even "The Muppets" had its share of BC viewing power. We spent our dollars seeing "Kramer Versus Kramer," "The Electric Horseman," "The Muppet Movie," "1941," "China Syndrome," and "The Jerk."

Fashion met our terms with accent on status. It was seen in status jeans, blouses, gold chains, ski jackets, and shoes. Slinky dresses, splits, the western look, and blazers were in.

Settle, Iris
Siler, Donna Lynn



Smith, Donna Marie
Spencer, Lupino



Staley, Elisa
Stewart, Carolyn



Stewart, Charlotte
Taylor, Valeria





Tharrington, Artreatha V
Thomas, Karen Lee
Thomas, Valerie Jean
Thorne, Zephalee Lynn



Thornton, Leisha
Tshole, Elizabeth
Tue, Rhonda Pearl
Turner, Pargie
Vanstory, Louna



Walker, Joan Adele
White, Regina
Wilburn, Rebecca
Wilder, Sylvia
Williamson, Bonita



Wills, Valerie
Wynn, Angela Denise
Bynum, Angela
Callender, Valerie
Johnson, Cherylyne



McNeil, Arlene
Moore, Yolanda LeNee
Phillips, Terri
Phillips-Wilson, Toni
Thompson, Teresa



FRESHMEN

Alaman, Sharon Y
Anderson, Brenda



Anderson, Kimberly
Baker, Annette



Barnes, Gwendolyn
Baughman, Adriane



Beatty, Tommie R
Bell, Beverly Y.
Bendolph, Jacqueline
Bennett, Marian
Bradley, Rhonda



Brodie, Garnetta
Brown, Jeneane
Brown, Linda G
Bryant, Miriam E
Byrd, Terry Y



Campbell, Princess
Carr, Trena O.
Chavers, Wanda
Clark, Felicia
Dessaure, Robyn



Mozetta Williams was one of many freshmen who discovered the best form of adjustment, involvement. She participated in the "Evening Of Public Speaking."





DeVaughn, Janice
DeWitt, Cathy
Dooley, Wendy
Dunston, Edith
Durham, Stephanie



Edwards, Wanda
Ferguson, Sharon
Free, Dotty Maria
Gabriel, Orian
George, Myra Jewel



An Early Start

Some of us received an early dose of the Bennett Experience during the summer. We arrived at the President's Pre-Freshman Advancement Institute eager to find out what was before us. It was our way of getting a headstart. And we did.

We discovered the traditions and met many of the personalities which seek to mold us into "Belles." It was a chance to make early friendships and to get some of the "unanswered questions" answered.

When we arrived in August, we felt at home. Surrounded by a nucleus of summer friends, we found the start of the Experience to be less awesome.



Goodrich, Vikki
Graham, Anita
Gravee, Ellen
Griffin, Portia
Griffin, Rosalind

Harbison, Betty
Hayes, Effie
Hayes, LaMona A
Hingleton, Regina
Holmes, Lisha

Holt, Carolyn Tracy
Hunter, Benita
Ingram, Gwendolyn
Jefferies, Janice
Jenkins, Sylvia Ann



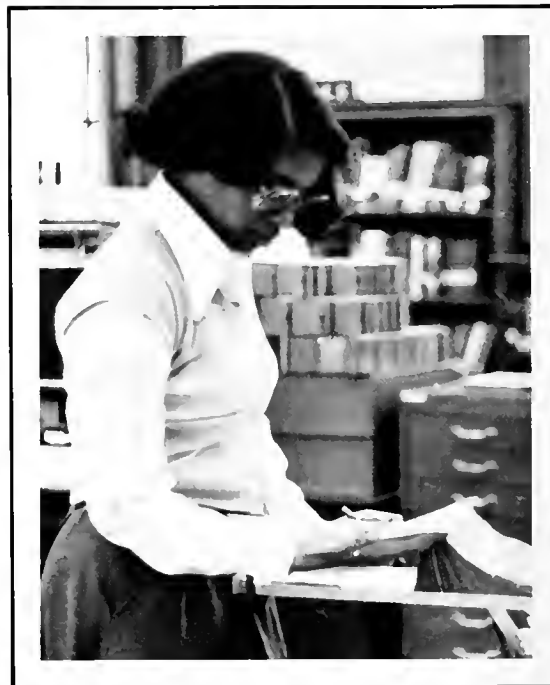
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Johnson, Yolande



Kennedy, Jacqueline
Lacy, Marchetta



Lang, Duwan Lynette
Lassiter, Patricia



Lenoir, Sandra
Mack, Karen Lavita
Marsh, Sheila Ann
Mason, Myra Denise
McClain, Bonita



McCrory, LaVoris Ann
McFadden, Nanette
McKinney, Veronica
McMickens, Sabrina
McMillion, Meta



McQuillar, Merry
Miller, Shawn Marie
Mitchell, Cynthia
Mosley, Alvera
Murray, Tara Coren





Adjustments . . .

The freshman year is generally a time to deal with new personalities in a new environment. Most freshmen share the anxieties of adjusting to a new roommate, residing with a dorm full of women, classes and faculty, new found independence, and life away from "Mom and Dad."

Many ingredients go into the formula for positive adjustment. Some members of the class attributed it to: "Mr. Gaspeny's personal appeal for hard work," "BC's idea of academic achievement," "emphasis on the Bennett Ideal," "Moral support from home," "Lisa Manley's genuine concern," "Dr. Harris's lectures on studying," "The sisterhood of the choir," "The Special Services Program and Miss Gravelly's support," and "This general concept of sisterhood."



Neal, Lisa Dawn
Nelson, Rose Lynn
Nesbitt, Deborah
Nunnally, Gloria
Offer, Alva Danita



Oliver, Tonya Leona
Owens, Darlene
Palmer, Janice
Parker, Sharon Rena
Parker, Wanda Gayle



Penick, Delphine
Perkins, Paula
Perry, Vicki
Pickard, Amelia
Pillmon, Janice



Pratt, Teresa Mae
Pruitt, Valarie
Ratliff, Elizabeth
Richardson, Patrice
Ricks, Gail Lynn

Rousseau, Ramona
Scales, Lillie



Schumpert, Jacquelin
Shepard, Tracy Lynn



Short, Jeannette Jear
Snelling, Theresia



Sumpter, Theresa
Swan, Mary Jane



Taylor, Alice Faye
Thorpe, Yelita Patrice



Tillery, Phyllis Ann
Tipton, Cheryl



Ussery, Mary Alice
Walker, Gwendolyn





Walker, Patricia Ann
Waller, Jacqueline Eulalia
Watson, Valeshia Bonnette
White, Jennifer Lenore



Widemon, Debra Ann
Williams, Brenda
Williams, Kimberley
Williams, Mozetta
Williams, Venessa



Williamson, Kimberly
Wilson, Cynthia
Wilson, Dawn
Wilson, Robbin
Wilson, Thomasina



Yarboro, Michelle
Youmans, Jadon
Capel, Yvonne Viola
Jones, Felecia Lynn
Spearman, Robin



ORGANIZATIONS

Bennett

College

Let the Grove Master Link you right on up?



Student Senate



Ellen

Sharonlyn



President, Ellen P. Brinkley; Vice president, Sharonlyn Jones; Secretary, Joann Joyner; Parliamentarian, Shaun Echols; Treasurer, Debra Hodges

"The biggest problem any SGA leader has is asserting the role of SGA in a situation which does not trust student authority. We didn't get the advisorship we needed when we needed it. While some administrators agree a problem exists, they gave no advice how to eliminate it. WE must eliminate the credibility gap or it will kill SGA."

Debby and Joanne



Student Union



The Student Union Board under the presidency of Edwina Mitchell, had a busy year. Among the creative persons working with her were Venus Fallen, vice president; Sherrel Larry, secretary;

Ollie Sims, treasurer; and Veronica Dotson, parliamentarian.

Some of the activities sponsored were Labor Day Happenings, a campus drycleaning service, movies, Fun Night,

Kite Flying Contest, the Haunted House, a scavenger hunt, and Christmas decorations in the Union.

Interdormitory Council



President,
Pamela Griffin



Vice president,
Jacqueline Ransom



Secretary,
Deborah Little



Parliamentarian,
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Class Officers

Freshmen

President, Vikki Goodrich

Vice President, Robyn Dessaure

Secretary, Brenda Anderson

Treasurer, Janice DeV Vaughn

Parliamentarian, Rose Nelson



Sophomores

President, Mary Cooke

Vice President, Bonita McClaine

Secretary, Pamela Phifer

Treasurer, Marlene Hopkins

Parliamentarian, Lisa Manley

Historians, Bernedette Hamilton
and Anita Coleman

Advisors, Leander Canady and
Bobbi Smith





Juniors

President, Tonni Sullivan

Vice President, Tracy Phillips

Secretary, Lynn Phillips

Treasurer, Monia Pinnix

Parliamentarian, Leila Mickens



Seniors

President, Angela Briley

Vice President, Sheila Pulley

Secretary, Jennifer Fennell

Treasurer, Suzette Edmonds

Parliamentarian, Darianne Sills

Advisors, Donald Martin and
Dorothy Harris

COVE HALL: Jeta Covert, president; Venetia Thomas, vice president; Betty Brown, secretary; and Beverly Rumeley, treasurer.

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JONES HALL: Marian Bennett, president; Donna Jessup, vice president; Janice DeVaughn, secretary; Terry Byrd, treasurer; and Kim Anderson, parliamentarian.

REYNOLDS HALL: Regina Scott, president; Wynetta Scott, vice president; Toni Phillips, secretary; Sharon Horton, treasurer; and Artreatha Tharrington, parliamentarian.





House Councils

MERNER HALL Rebecca Wilburn, president; Monica Motley, vice president; Wanda Hawkins, secretary; and Mary Cooke, parliamentarian.

BARGE HALL Sherri Williams, president; Robi Dessauze, vice president; Cassandra Barnes, secretary; Gwen Barnes, treasurer; and Tara Murray, parliamentarian.



PFEIFFER HALL Patrice Richardson, president; Carolyn Holt, vice president; Debra Nesbitt, secretary; Sharon Parker, treasurer; and Jacenta Lorrick, parliamentarian.

BENNETT BANNER

1979-80

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 Photographers Myra Davis, Bernetta Hamilton

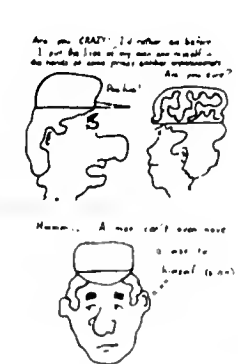
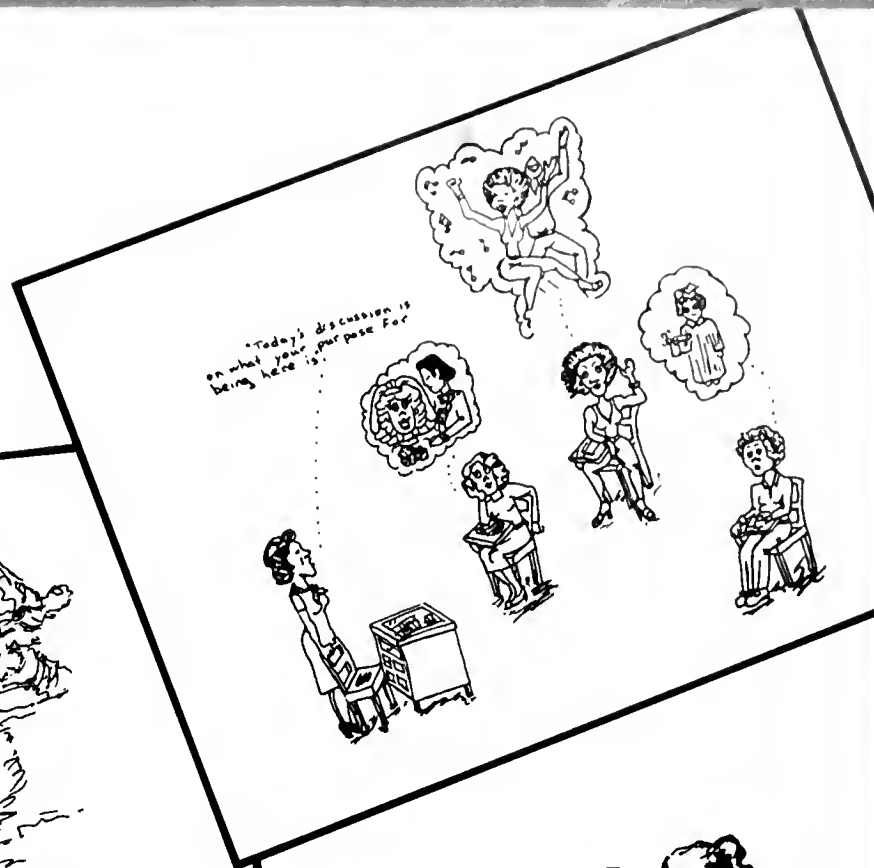
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 Stephanie Wright



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Sherry Salaam

Regina Hayes
Sharon Horton
Donna Jessup
Venetia Thomas

Anita Coleman
Cynthia Wilson
Jackie Walleron
Sherry Williams



Pre-Alumnae Council

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Millicent Jones
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Deborah Nesbitt
Kathy Crosby

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Jacqueline Ransom
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Cora Shaw
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Elisa C. Staley
Tonni Sullivan
Theresa Sumpter
Valerie Taylor
Gwendolyn Walker



NAACP

The Officers are,
Jane Brandon, President
Stephanie Wright, Vice-President
Rosalyn Scott, Secretary
Valerie Wills, Treasurer
Carolyn Dixon, Executive Chairperson

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Annette Baker
Emily Baurnet
Beverly Bell
Angel Bynum
Terry Byrd
Princess Campbell
Carolyn Chaffin
Carolyn Davis
Betty Harbison
Cassandra Harvey
Celeste Holmes

Lynn Horton
Gwen Ingram
Debra Johnson
Jackie Johnson
Phyllis Johnson
Randy Jones
Joanne Joyner
Sherrell Larry
Robyn McCollum
Lisa Manley
Myra Mason
Shawn Miller

LaSandra Muldrow
Amelia Pickard
Monia Pinnix
LaTonya Reeves
Rosalyn Scott
Ola Sims
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Brenda White
Kim Williamson
Dawn Wilson
Katherine Winston

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Mary Ashe
Marchelle Boatwright
Melissa Graves
Ollie Sims, President
Lamona Hayes
Teresa Sumpter
Wanda Parker



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Robyn McCollum (President)
LaSandra Muldrow
Phyllis Jones
Katie Dodson
Gwen Ingram
Sharon Alaman
Shawn Miller
Phyllis Tillery
Rosalyn Scott
Duwan Lang

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Sherry Slaam
Leila Mickens

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Phyllis Gray
Felita Claybrook
Celia Ross
Rose Irby
Cora Shaw
Sabrina Sturgis
Joan Walker
Lauralyn Peoples
Swanda McCormick
Debbie Nelson
Hallie Glascoe
Leisha Thorton
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President: Cynthia Brown
 Vice President: Gail Wiley
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 Parliamentarian: Rosalyn Scott
 Business Manager: Linda Pittman

MEMBERS

Gwen Allen	Mondrell Jester
Robin Arnold	Phyllis Johnson
Rhoda Blair	Robin Johnson
Ellen Brinkley	Wanda Johnson
Sandra Brown	Sandra Jones
Qundal Chambers	Frances Kay
Corliss Clark	Lynette Lee
Alicia Coachman	Valerie Littlejohn
Kimberli Coleman	Christine Lloyd
Olivia Dabney	Lisa Manley
Billie Davis	Robyn McCollum
Carolyn Davis	LaSandra Muldrow
Sharon Dixon	Regina Pegram
Terrilyn Ellis	Lisa Pittman
Venus Fallen	Phyllis Price
Rosa Faulk	Lakeitha Reeves
Jennifer Fennell	Renee Robinson
Wanda Green	Lisa Rouse
Bernadette Hamilton	Beverly Rumley
Janice Hargrove	Loretta Shaw
Joanne Harper	Yvette Shelton
Anita Hickson	Jackie Smith
Rosa Hinton	Elisa Staley
Debra Hodges	Linda Stanley
Miranda Holmes	Artreatha Tharrington
Lynn Horton	Leisha Thornton
Sharon Horton	Ellen Warren
Josie Hudley	Valerie Wills

PROJECTS

Blood Drive, Dating Game, Fashion Show, Benefit Cabaret, Benefit Car Wash, Sickle Cell Drive, Clothes Drive, and UNCF Fundraisers



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority





Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority



President, Dino Bradley
 Vice President, Lisa Johnson
 Secretary, Angela West
 Asst. Secretary, Debra Benbow
 Treasurer, Lenora Dowe
 Dean of Pledges, Tonya Martin
 Asst. D.P., Angela Briley
 Parliamentarian, Lynn Phillips

MEMBERS

Linda Anderson	Libby Malloy
Sandra Baker	Kimberly Merritt
Cassandra Barnes	Leila Mickens
Beverly Bernard	Michelle Murphy
Jane Brandon	Sonia Ottley
Windy Brown	Terri Phillips
Carla Burley	Tracey Phillips
Veta Covert	Laurelyn Peoples
Sheila Dawkins	India Richmond
Pamela Daye	Harriet Scott
Shaun Echols	Regina Scott
Wanda Hawkins	Tonni Sullivan
Regina Hayes	Venetia Thomas
Sharonlyn Jones	Cheryl Townsend
Wanda Kelker	Rhonda Wade
Sherrel Larry	Benay Warren
Landas Leak	Rebecca Wilburn
Victoria Lockett	

PROJECTS

Health Fair, Fashion Show, Faculty Follies, Christmas Caroling, Reading Project for Public School Children, and support to United Negro College Fund

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority



Bennett students Terri Wade and Doris Sealy pledged
at North Carolina A & T State University



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HONORS & RECOGNITION

Fall Dean's List

Sophomores 3.20 or above

Cynthia Annette Asbury
Valarie Dawn Callender
Qundal Yvette Chambers
Olivia Lois Dabney
Carolyn Parniest Davis
Wanda Yvette Dick
Selina Denise Fox
Bernadette Hortensia Hamilton
Juanita Harris
Wanda Lee Hawkins
Sharon Anita Horton
Sandra Maureen Jones
Debra Jean Moore
Pauline Ntiyanu Nzeribe
Pamela Lou Phifer
Terri Lynne Phillips

Juniors 3.30 or above

Linda Faye Anderson
Lydia Delphine Ashe
Marchelle Kay Boatwright
Betty Louise Brown
Lisa Ann Johnson
Sharonlyn Maureen Jones
Nichola Martin Lane
Mary Jane Simpkins
Katherine Winston

Seniors 3.40 or above

Angela Vernet Briley
Carolyn Halls
Edwina Virginia Johnson
Randye LaVonne Jones
Roberta Causer Judd
Valerie Eileen Littlejohn
Libby Malloy
Barbara Gail Murphy
Joyce Burleson Evelyn Murphy
Sheila DeNise Pulley
Donna Louise Simmons
Edwina Christine Wilson

Spring Dean's List

Freshmen 3.00 or above

Adriane Elizabeth Baughman
Emily Baunet
Beverly Youtha Bell
Kimberli JoAnne Coleman
Robyn Dessaure
Janice Nanette DeVaughn
Wendy Beatrice Dooley
Drian Yvonne Gabriel

Myra Jewel George
Betty Alexandra Harbison
Lisha Marie Holmes
Sylvia Ann Jenkins
Donna Lajoie Jessup
Jacqueline Elaine Johnson
Sandra Ramona Lenoir
Karen Lavita Mack
LaVoris Ann McCrary
Rose Lynn Nelson
Gloria Cecila Nunnally
Alva Danita Offer
Wanda Gayle Parker
Teresa Mae Pratt
Tonia Ann Royal
Jacqueline E. Schumpert
Carmen Marcia Smith
Nscobong Grace Usoro
Gwendolyn Carol Walker
Jacqueline Eulalia Waller
Sherri Lynn Williams
Cynthia Darlene Wilson
Dawn Ruth Wilson

Sophomores 3.20 or above

Cynthia Annette Asbury
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Valarie Dawn Callender
Olivia Lois Dabney
Carolyn Parniest Davis
Wanda Yvette Dick
Juanita Harris
Wanda Hawkins
Carla Rae Jackson
Sandra Maureen Jones
Sherrel Larry
Lynnette Lee
Arlisa Cheryl Lowe
Debra Jean Moore
Jacqueline Tonoa Moyer
Pauline Mtiyaau Mzeribe
Pamela Lou Phifer
Terri Lynne Phillips
Nellie Faye Privette

Iris Willette Settle
Donna Lynn Siler
Pantheola Simmons
Artreatha V. Tharrington
Vicki Lynn Walker

Juniors 3.30 or above

Adenike Asabiokin Adejunmobi
Marchelle Kay Boatwright
Alisia Dionne Coachman
Regina Yvonne Hayes
Nichola Martin Lane
Leila Markeld Mickens
Harriett Jacqueline Roberts
Wynetta Scott
Katherine Winston

Seniors 3.40 or above

Gwendolyn Irva Allen
Laurie Melvania Asbury
Doris Ann Barbour
Debra Elaine Benbow
Sandra Marie Brown
Kathryn Diane Colbert
Bebe Denise Davis
Katie Lou Dodson
Melissa Lee Graves
Carolyn Halls
Joann Michael Harper
Debra Ann Hodges
Edwina Virginia Johnson
Valerie Eileen Littlejohn
Loye Lockett
Barbara Gail Murphy
Sheila DeNise Pulley
Sheila Verna Purnell
Barbara Jane William
Edwina Christine Wilson
Deborah Carlton Witchey
Debbie Sandra Wright

* Each Semester G.P.A.

Fall Honors Convocation

Sophomores, 3.20 or above

Cynthia Annette Asbury
Valerie Dawn Callender
Qundal Yvette Chambers
Olivia Lois Dabney
Wanda Yvette Dick
Selina Denise Fox
Bernadette Hortensia Hamilton
Juanita Harris
Wanda Lee Hawkins
Sharon Anita Horton
Phyllis Elaine Johnson
Sandra Maureen Jones
Debra Jean Moore
Pauline Ntiyanu Nzeribe
Pamela Lou Phifer
Terri Lynn Phillips
Regina Scott
Donna Lynn Siler

Juniors, 3.30 or above

Adenike Asabiokin Adejunmobi
Linda Faye Anderson
Lisa Ann Johnson
Sharonlyn Jones
Mary Jane Simpkins

Seniors, 3.40 or above

Dino Michele Bradley
Melissa Lee Graves
Debra Ann Hodges
Valerie Eileen Littlejohn
Barbara Gail Murphy
Edwina Wilson

*Cumulative G.P.A.

Spring Honors Convocation

Freshmen 3.00 or above

Adriane Elizabeth Baughman
Emily Baurnet
Beverly Youtha Bell
Kimberli JoAnne Coleman
Janice Nanette DeV Vaughn
Wendy Beatrice Dooley
Wanda Denise Edwards
Orian Yvonne Gabriel
Myra Jewell George
(4.00 average)
Betty Alexandra Harbison
Lisha Marie Holmes
Sylvia Ann Jenkins
Donna Lajoie Jessup
Jacqueline Elaine Johnson
Sandra Remona Lenoir
LaVoris Ann McCrary
Rose Lynn Nelson
Gloria Cecilia Nunnally
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Tonia Ann Royal
Jacqueline E. Schumpert
Carmen Marcia Smith
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WHO'S WHO 1979-80

In spite of the confusion of the selection process, Who's Who is certainly one of the highest honors a college student can receive. It recognizes the well-rounded student — one who is active in college affairs, demonstrates leadership ability, and achieves on the scholarly level.

Angela



Affiliated with several honor societies, Angela Briley hopes to continue professional study in the medical field. Described by her roommate, Kathy Colbert, as "a bubbling personality," she ended her Bennett studies as president of the senior class, truly a 'tryin' experience." She was the assistant dean of pledgees of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Kathy



Kathy Crosby represented Bennett well this year as Miss Bennett College. Beauty and brains, sophistication and charm, and hard work characterized Kathy, an elementary education major from Charlotte, N.C. She also served as an assistant residence hall director. "She's a good role model for first year college students," says one staff member. "She is what I perceive this notion of the Bennett Ideal to be."

Randye



When she's not caught up in the imaginary world of Star Trek, Randye Jones is off to herself in her world of music. A music major from Greensboro, she not only sings, but plays a variety of musical instruments. Her acquaintances view her as an assertive individual, but if she desires can be a very supportive companion.

Debra



Debra Hodges, soft and ultra feminine, demonstrated outstanding academic and service abilities. Her academic talents were boosted as she was named a recipient of the President's Excellence Award and graduated with high honors. Not only was she affiliated with several honor societies, she was editor of the Banner and treasurer of the S.G.A.

Sharonlyn



The first junior recipient of the President's Excellence Award, Sharonlyn Jones has consistently mixed good scholarship and active involvement. An elementary education major from Montgomery, Ala., she proved to be a creative leader as vice president of the S.G.A. and as a peer advisor. The last of three sisters to attend Bennett, she is also the second to be elected president of S.G.A.

Ellen



Ellen Brinkley attempted to turn the student government association around with her brand of creative leadership. A social welfare student, she has become quite adept at working through "red tape" and administrative smoke screens. As president of S.G.A., she established the Presidential Council which met periodically with Dr. Miller. Ellen was also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Dino



"Three times a lady" best describes Dino Bradley, a biology major from Cincinnati. She's intelligent, active, and feminine. A well-rounded young lady, she was president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a peer advisor, a Bennett Scholar, and a member of several honor societies.

Linda



Linda B. Smith is just what the engineering world needs, a feminine personality who knows her area. An honor student, she is pursuing dual degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering. A resident of Greensboro, she is embedded in Bennett tradition through her family. Described as a quiet, beautiful personality, Linda spent most of the year on an IBM cooperative education assignment.

Gail



Gail Wiley's presence is felt in a number of college activities. To her credits, this junior from Madison, N.C. lists vice president of the NAACP, dean of pledgees of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and assistant teacher of a freshman orientation class. Says a friend, "Gail is definitely a leader. She is articulate, compassionate, responsible, and independent."

Regina



"Politeness captures the total essence of Regina Pegram," concludes a peer. "She certainly carries herself with self confidence which makes it easy for her to maintain good human relations with others." a junior clothing student from Durham, N.C., she served as vice president of Omicron Eta Chi, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and member of the Interdormitory Council.

Roberta



Mrs. Roberta Judd was a practicing nurse when she decided to return to college for a new career. As a home economics student, the Greensboro resident and mother of one college-age son proved to be a good student who was consistently honored at Honors Convocation and on the Dean's List. She was involved in all aspects of student life and enjoyed her second time around.

Sandra



"Neat as a pin and smart as a whip," says one friend of sweet Sandra M. Brown, a Charleston, S.C. Belle. Majoring in the communications media area, she has been quite active on the Banner staff and involved in student activities. Sandra has been an honor student throughout her college years and is affiliated with several honor societies.

Carolyn



Carolyn Hall, a product of Cross, S.C., is another symbol of the Bennett Ideal. "She's neat, intelligent, and responsible," says a peer. Carolyn is a goal-oriented individual who has chartered a course characterized by success.

Edwina



Edwina Wilson is a quiet personality who has made her impact on the Bennett Experience through her academic achievement and multi-faceted involvement. She was a very positive role model for the underclassmen. Pursuing a career in the medical field, she spent many extra hours in the labs, but found time to be involved in campus student affairs. Edwina resides in Blackstone, Va.

WHO'S WHO

Mary Jane

Mary Jane Simpkins wants to become a certified medical technologist. A junior from Waynesboro, Ga., she is well liked by her peers and very much involved in the peer advising program. She is affiliated with the Bennett Scholars, the Marshall Board and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Marchelle

Marchelle Boatwright, a studious Belle from Cincinnati, Ohio, believes in prioritizing. Her beautiful smile and soft spoken ways have won her the respect of her classmates. She is a Bennett Scholar and a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.

Melissa

Melissa Graves, a Burlington, N.C. resident, is known for her beautiful sense of humor and academic achievement. She is affiliated with several honor societies.

Recognition Day Highlights

ALPHA KAPPA MU DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITION

Accounting	Linda Pittman
Biology	Edwina Wilson Edwina Johnson Natalie Young
Business	Adenike Adejunmobi Debra M. Wingo
Clothing	Valerie Littlejohn
Educational Media	Karen Thomas
Elementary Ed	Sharolyn Jones Iris Settle
Special Ed	Grace Usoro Kathryn Winston
English	Sandra M. Brown Ursula J. Joyner
Home Ec Ed	Roberta C. Judd
Mathematics	Linda B. Smith Loye Lockett
Music	Shawn Miller Katie Dodson Randy Jones
Physical Ed	Donna Simmons Cynthia Johnson
Political Science	Sandra Ratliff
Psychology	Debra Benbow
Secondary & Professional Studies	Katie Dodson Betty Harbison
Social Welfare	Ellen P. Brinkley
Sociology	Melissa Graves
Spanish	Sheila Pulley
Student Personnel	Dorothy Ingram

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Faculty Scholarships

Education	Debra Moore
Humanities	Rosalyn Scott
Science	Valerie Callender
Social Science	Wanda Dick

Lula Donnell Award
Cheryl Tipton

George M. Bell Scholarship
Mary J. Simpkins
Linda Anderson

Cressie T. Haven Scholarship
Pauline Nzeribe

Belle Tobias Scholarship
Myra George

Catherine H. Waddell Scholarship
Sharonlyn Jones

Rose Karfiol Award
Libby Malloy

L.G. Streat Scholarship
Wynnetta Scott

Home Ec Faculty Award
Valerie Littlejohn

Goode Prize
Valerie Bendolph
Sheila Drayton

Marie C. Moffitt Scholarship
Leila Mickens
Regina Pegram

Torrance Scholarships
Vicki Goodrich
Lisa Neal
Cheryl Tipton

President's Excellence Awards
Myra J. George, Freshman
Pauline Nzeribe, Sophomore
Sharonlyn Jones, Junior
Debra Hodges, Senior

BFA Achievement Award
Joyce B. Murphy

Honeywell Scholarships
Loye Lockett
Arlissa Lowe
Linda Smith

Scholarly Achievement in Business
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Gladys Rogers

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Valerie Littlejohn
Edwina Wilson
Debra Hodges
Angela Briley
Barbara Murphy
Sandra Brown



Beta Kappa Chi Science

Dino M. Bradley
Angela Briley
Edwina Johnson
Pauline Nzeribe
Laura Perry
Yvette Shelton
Lisa Johnson
Edwina Wilson
Mary J. Simpkins
Pamela Morris
Natalie Young

Sigma Tau Delta English

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Terri Wade



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 Lisa Johnson
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 Tina Jones
 Vicki Walker
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 Wanda Hawkins
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COMMENCEMENT





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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Willa B. Player
May 4, 1980

President Miller, Faculty and Staff, Graduates, Parents and Relatives, Students, Friends and Graduating Seniors, let us rejoice and be thankful that we have yet another opportunity to celebrate both yesterday and tomorrow as we greet the returning graduates of Bennett College and salute the graduating seniors on this day. It is always a moving experience to be on the Bennett campus. Although I am increasingly reluctant to speak to collegiate audiences of this size and stature, I am incapable of saying no to Bennett College where I spent 35 years of my life. So, Dr. Miller, I appreciate the invitation to come again. Thank you.

"To be warm is to have first of all a good inner sense of self."

Mona Lisa, as you know, is considered the most famous painting of Leonardi da Vinci. The portrait hangs imposingly in the Louvre in Paris, France. And here I quote: "An uncanny, haunting quality seizes the imagination of every beholder, however prejudiced. The Mona Lisa simply won't leave us alone. This is its real mystery."

Perhaps this is in part the reason why the late Nat King Cole made Mona Lisa one of the finest vocal performances of his brief musical career.

Do you recall the words of the song?

Mona Lisa, Mona Lisa men have named you
You're so like the lady with the mystic smile
Is it only 'cause you're lonely they have blamed you
For that Mona Lisa strangeness in your smile?

Do you smile to tempt a lover, Mona Lisa
Or is this your way to hide a broken heart
Many dreams have been brought to your doorstep
They just lie there and they die there
Are you warm, are you real Mona Lisa
Or just a cold and lonely lovely work of art?

Are you warm, are you real
Mona Lisa or just a cold and lonely, lovely work of art?

What does it mean to be warm and real? That is the question we would like to consider with you for a few moments. **To be warm is to have first of all**



Dr. Willa B. Player served in a number of administrative and faculty capacities at Bennett over a 35-year period. She is the only woman to serve as president (1955-1966).

a good inner sense of self. Have you sometimes stood before the mirror and asked yourself, "Who am I?" What do I feel within me which validates my personhood — which gives authenticity to my own being? Each of us has to go through a kind of self-examination which enables us to establish our own identity. Before we can lead any kind of purposeful existence, we have to love ourselves enough to believe that there is nobody else in the world exactly like us. Our self-esteem is enhanced in proportion to our ability to sense the very essence of our personality and to come out saying, "I'm O.K."

Of course it is too much to expect us to arrive at this conclusion all by ourselves. This is why our quest for knowledge is so important; not just knowledge per se, not knowledge as a solution to our frustrations, not knowledge as a display of superiority, but knowledge which provides a sense of personal adequacy.

We take what we come to know from our study of the sciences, the humanities and the social sciences and by a restrained and disciplined application of it to daily experience we come to understand the intellectual and spiritual realities which contribute so richly to the development of our individual selfhood. Education is the key to self-fulfillment. It helps us to es-





establish our autonomy while at the same time it defines the reach of our individual minds and spirits.

I like to think of the campus queens of *Ebony Magazine* as an attractive sampling of young black women in our colleges and universities across the land whose collegiate aspirations have helped them to come to terms with themselves so that their identity has been firmly established through degree preparation in a wide variety of fields and anticipated careers.

To be warm is to feel deep within our being the capacity to care. I believe it was the Overstreets who said, and I quote, "There are many directions the human mind can take, but the most exciting and the most rewarding is toward another human being."

Caring exists whenever we can include within ourselves, the self of

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another. Caring exists whenever man affirms his fellow man. Martin Luther King challenged the Bennett students on this very campus some years ago, and I quote, "To rise above the narrow confines of individual concerns to enter the new age with a love which embraces the broader concerns of all humanity."

To feel the capacity to care is to recognize a new dimension within the self which impels us to respond in love one for another. "A new commandment I give unto you, says the Biblical text, that ye love one another." I suppose the modern version would be to "reach out and touch someone's hand". To be warm in this relationship thus becomes an act of unpretentious self — fulfillment where each person seeks to relate to another in love and faith. It follows then, that to be real is to live on two levels of experience — **true to ourselves and genuine concern for all mankind.** Harry Emerson Fosdick in his volume, *On Being a Real Person*, defines the real person as one who has achieved a high degree of unity within the self. "A real



person, says he, is integrated. A mature and genuine person is a supreme work of art — a symphony whose constituent factors are noises that by themselves can be raucous and dissonant, and whose glory lies in the way they are put together."

Genuine concern for others implies a commitment so strong that it releases an incredible burst of human energy, driving us to accept responsibility for something beyond the self which translates into community responsibility. When this happens we find ourselves working voluntarily to wipe out hunger, to eliminate poverty, to care for the elderly, to overcome disease and to work for peace and justice. This is why the sit-in demonstrations of the sixties were so noble and so rewarding. Or else why after 20 years would Greensboro celebrate this thrust toward gaining

civil rights in which Bennett faculty and students were so triumphantly involved? And you who are graduating today will be genuine representatives of the Bennett tradition if you sense your responsibility to walk in your integrity whenever situations arise in our culture which demand that you take a stand for the common good. **This is to be real.**

Are you warm, are you real,
Mona Lisa or just a cold
and lonely, lovely work of art?

If our sense of self is nothing other than a nameless blob of protoplasm —

If our minds are filled with so much clatter and disharmony that we cannot hear the sound of the genuine in another —

If our concern for others is uninspiring —



We are cold!

If we continue to cling to the withering concept of the "me" generation —

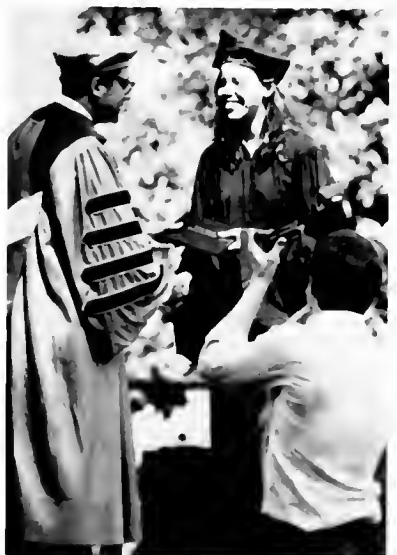
If we choose to remain closeted within ourselves —

If our purposes are frail —

If we stand in elegant isolation from the problems of daily living —

We will in truth be lonely!

Today you are gracefully clothed in caps and gowns — you are soon to bear



the title — Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. Take care lest your loveliness becomes something to be observed, perhaps admired but never fully appreciated.

We are living in a time of crisis when every aspect of life which we have regarded as permanent has acquired a tentative status.

We are living in a time of turmoil when men refuse to accept the rationale which admits that all men are made in the image of God.

We are moving into a turbulent decade where we experience acute deviations and conflicts in ideas and practices at home and abroad.

But we need not despair! We may not be able to solve the hostage crisis in

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Iran; but we can love our enemies and do good to those who spitefully use us.

We may not be able to do much of anything about the problem of inflation; but we can practice economy in every aspect of our daily living!

We may not be able to wipe out corruption in government; but we can vote for the candidates who will champion the cause of justice and fair play.

We may not be able to prevent the devastating use and effect of drugs by the youth of America, but we can refrain from using drugs ourselves.

And so, like the portrait of Leonardo da Vinci, the Mona Lisa by Nat King Cole "simply won't leave us alone". The song would have merited a golden record had this been the practice of that time. There are other golden records whose meaning shines through perhaps even more vividly.

Today we honor four young women who 50 years ago gave this institution



its reason for being an accredited four year college. They are the first graduates of Bennett who are celebrating their golden anniversary. Their records of love and service to their families, their communities and their college embody the meaning of all we have been attempting to say in this message of warmth and realness. We salute them even as we congratulate you on this day.

Are you warm, are you real Mona Lisa or just a cold and lonely lovely work of art. Thank you for your gracious attention.









FINALE?

Sure, it was a trying period in the lives of most Americans as we realistically began to face the problems of escalating fuel costs, embittered racial strife, clashing ideological radicalism, recession and inflation, and international disasters. But somehow, we managed to survive one more year.

We pause to pay tribute to three pillars of the Bennett Experience . . . Mrs. Willie Mae McCallum, Mrs. Carrie Shute and Miss Alsie Trammell. They retired this year, but their selflessness, humility, commitment, integrity and sense of community will long be a part of us. They have certainly been the role models for hundreds of black women.

Reflect on the good times and the bad. But look forward and strive to achieve. Take your cue from Ossie Davis's "Purlie Victorious."

A BEGINNING

I find in being black, a
thing of beauty,
A joy, a strength . . . a
secret cup of gladness,
A native land in neither
time nor place —
A native land in every
Negro face!

Be loyal to yourself;
your skin, your hair,
your lips, your Southern
speech, your laughing
kindness —
Are Negro kingdoms, vast
as any other?

Accept in full the sweet-
ness of your blackness —
Not wishing to be white,
nor red, nor yellow, Nor
any other race, or face,
but this . . .







